

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

DEVONE JOHNSON,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:16-cr-00174-DAD-BAM

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

GEOFFREY GUESS,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:20-cr-00241-DAD-BAM

ORDER REQUIRING TO COUNSEL
ROGER BONAKDAR TO SHOW CAUSE
WHY SANCTIONS SHOULD NOT ISSUE
FOR FAILURE TO TIMELY APPEAR AND
BE IN APPROPRIATE ATTIRE FOR
CALENDAR ON DECEMBER 15, 2020 AT
2:00 P.M.

On December 15, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., the above referenced cases on calendar and both defendants were represented by counsel Roger Bonakdar. Court was called at 2:00 p.m. and Mr. Bonakdar was not present. Mr. Bonakdar appeared late for calendar and refused to turn on his video because he was not appropriately dressed for court. This is not the first time that Mr. Bonakdar has appeared late and inappropriately dressed for court. On December 10, 2020, United States v. Hugo Rafeal Gaytan Lopez, was on calendar for arraignment and Mr. Bonakdar was not present in court at 2:00 p.m. On that date, he appeared late and was inappropriately

1 dressed. However, since his case was not first on calendar the matter was not brought to his
2 attention on the record.

3 The court possesses inherent authority to impose sanctions to manage its own affairs so
4 as to achieve the orderly and expeditious disposition of cases. Chambers v. NASCO, Inc., 501
5 U.S. 32, 43 (1991). The court's inherent power is that which is necessary to the exercise of all
6 others, including to protect the due and orderly administration of justice and maintain the
7 authority and dignity of the court. Roadway Exp., Inc. v. Piper, 447 U.S. 752, 764 (1980).
8 There is an arsenal of sanctions that a judge can impose to address an attorney's behavior,
9 including monetary sanctions, contempt, and disqualification of counsel. Erickson v. Newmar
10 Corp., 87 F.3d 298, 303 (9th Cir. 1996).

11 Accordingly, counsel Roger Bonakdar is ORDERED TO SHOW CAUSE why monetary
12 sanctions should not issue for the failure to timely appear on the date and time set for the
13 hearing. Counsel Roger Bonakdar SHALL FILE a response to this Order to Show Cause by
14 **December 21, 2020.**

15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

16 Dated: **December 16, 2020**

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19 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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